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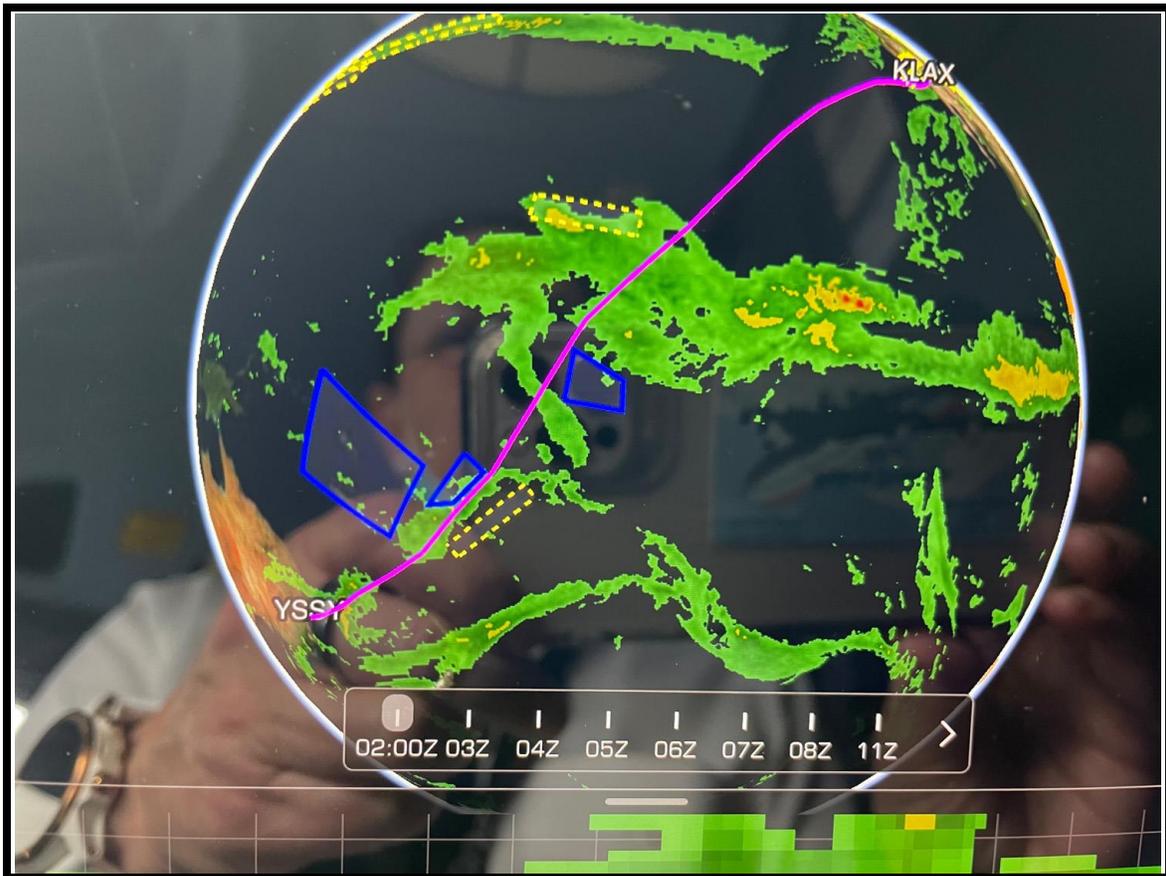
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## ROBIN'S LAST TRIP TO SYDNEY WAS INTERESTING

Read about all that green, yellow and red weather in Robin's report inside

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

### **This is a little PSA (public service announcement).**

We need a little help here, or this Chapter ain't gonna work. We've been asking for a dinner chairperson, a membership committee and a speaker chairperson for a long, long time.

Better step up, or there won't be anything interesting for our meetings, there won't be any members, and you'll all be brown bagging it on the second Tuesday of each month.

Contact Robin at [robntat@aol.com](mailto:robntat@aol.com) or me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) to say "Oh, yes, I would like to help out making our wonderful Chapter a better, more wonderful Chapter!" All volunteers are welcomed and cherished by our wonderful members.

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, March 8**. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. after the Board of Directors' meeting, and is \$10.00 per person. Our chef for the month will be Bill Wheadon, who, I hear, is thinking about corned beef and cabbage.

Unfortunately, our guest speaker is otherwise occupied for the March meeting.

This from Ben Inglis:

It's with mixed emotions that I have to let you know Matt will have to push his talk back a month. While he's busier than a one-legged man in an ass-kicking contest (he's chief of staff to naval air ops), he can't make it on Tuesday because they have just ordered him to the east coast for a first wave of training related to his impending promotion to admiral. But the good news is that he will be between duty

stations for 12th April. It will still have to be remote, however, because on 11th he's in Seattle for his dad's 80th birthday. He'll be back down this way later that week so I will see if we can get him out to the field for a Young Eagles event and they can maybe see a real live F-18 driver.

I'm sure we will have something good for you, besides visiting old friends again.

See you there!

## **RAY SCHOLAR REPORTS**

Our Ray Scholarship recipients sent their reports to keep you up to date with their progress.

Philip Lachman's report:

The flying is going great! The funds for the Petaluma pilot's scholarship have been used up and now I can use the funds for the Ray scholarship.

I've been learning how to control the airplane when landing and my progress is on a steady uphill. I made my first successful landing with no assistance last week. I'm on track to solo soon at the rate I am learning!

The tutoring is very informative and useful. Many things I would think to look over are covered in the tutoring. It is a HUGE help. Very appreciative of Marcus taking his time to help us out.

-Philip Lachman

Sebastian Johnsons' report:

While the opportunities and chances to fly have been limited across the gap in Petaluma have been limited due to some staff shortage, I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with Philip and our main tutor Marcus on a weekly basis. We meet Sundays around 1 PM and receive ground training for around 2 hours.

During the past few weeks we have covered topics such as Aviation Weather, the FAR/AIM and other aeronautical manuals, and most recently Aircraft Systems, detailing parts of an aircraft such as the different types of engines/power plants, hydraulic systems, the carburetor, and so on and so forth.

Being one of the longer chapters, we were unable to complete the chapter within our 2-hour lesson, so we were left to read the rest as homework and we will do a quick review when we next reconvene, where we will also discuss Airspaces, Charts, and publications.

Sebastian Johnson

Marcus Shackford has very generously been donating his time to help Philip and Sebastian prepare for their private pilot written exam by tutoring on Sundays in the EAA clubhouse.

Thank you, Marcus!

## **WOMEN IN AIRPLANES**



Mary\_Haizlip\_(1910-1997)\_circa\_1930

I don't get much feedback on these newsletters. I've never had anyone ask me why I keep putting in photos of women pilots and women on motorcycles.

It's because I'm trying to get the idea across that women can be pilots and drive motorcycles, or do anything else they desire.

I have a very accomplished wife, two very accomplished daughters, three granddaughters and three great-granddaughters.

I want them all to never question the idea that they can do anything they want as a vocation or avocation.

We have a young woman candidate to send to Air Academy in Oshkosh this summer. We'll act on her application at the March Board meeting.

The pilot population is about 7% female. There is no reason we can't work to get that up to 50%.

Oh, the women on motorcycle thing started because I had a photo of my young mother on a motorcycle. She was a remarkable woman who overcame many obstacles in her life.

I think of her when I'm faced with challenges.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hi Everybody

I just finished flying 3 trips to Sydney in 3 weeks. I lose about 10 hours of sleep each trip, so after 3 of them I'm toast for several days. When I first started flying internationally in 1997, the rule of thumb after getting home after a long trip was no using power tools or writing checks for at least 3 days. Definite words of wisdom. It's usually a week before my resting heart rate recovers. Really interesting the effect of crossing those time zones has on your body.

The weather on our crossings has been getting pretty bumpy lately with the transition of the seasons. I took a picture of the radar on a nifty app that we have and as you can see a picture is worth a thousand words. Green = precipitation = convective activity = lots of deviations and bumps. The A350 cannot out climb thunderstorms!

On that particular leg, a whole bunch more convective activity popped up along our route. Not a great ride for the passengers or the crew either getting tossed around in our little torpedo tube bunks. Weather deviations average 50 - 100 miles at a time and can add 30 minutes to our flight time.

I was really looking forward to our F-18 driving guest speaker Matt on Tuesday. Not surprising, guys that are in line to be promoted to Admiral are pretty busy and get orders that are changed frequently, so he has to postpone one more time 'til April. I am hoping to get another program for the meeting. Bill Wheadon however is all so to make corned beef. So we will have a wonderful dinner and our first in person meeting in months.

We are also having Young Eagles next Sunday, so all you pilots that can volunteer get your 3 take offs and landings in and we'll look forward to seeing you out there Sunday March 13.

Robin

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN  
AND TREASURER REPORT  
MARCH 2022**

**Membership Report** – As we prepare for our first in person meeting, I'm glad to report that dues renewal checks or direct cash payments have been rolling in. A few of those renewals happened last Saturday at our first Saturday burger/hot dog BBQ in a couple months at the clubhouse that was surprisingly (to me) well attended. Hopefully, our first in person EAA

1268 meeting this coming Tuesday will be just as popular. If, at this coming meeting, you find yourself with a white membership badge, I'll be glad to change it to a blue one for only \$15.

**Treasurer Report** For the month of February we had one deposit of \$255 in our checking account which consisted of \$150 in dues renewal and two donations to our scholarship fund totaling \$105. There were no disbursements in February.

Total chapter funds are \$36,723.76 distributed in the following accounts:  
Checking account - \$23,790.85  
Savings account - \$ 7,629.88  
CD account - \$ 5,303.03

That's all for now – any questions? If so, shoot me an email or give me a call –  
bill.wheadon@gmail.com 707-224-3901

Bill

**YOUNG EAGLES**

Young Eagles Day is Sunday, March 13. As always, BK White is looking for volunteer pilots, ground crew and registration helpers for our monthly Young Eagles events. Let him know you will be joining us and helping out by sending him an email to [eagle1@vom.com](mailto:eagle1@vom.com) or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

We have several new Young Eagles pilots eager to share the joy of flight with young people.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK**

Movie night for March is **Saturday, March 26 at 6pm in the Sonoma Skypark clubhouse.**

Rafe is planning something special to celebrate getting back to some semblance of normalcy. The movies are always enjoyable, the serials

exciting, and the popcorn, pizza and beverages delicious.

**Free admission.** Pizza is always available for \$5 per person, including beverages, and complimentary popcorn just to whet your appetite (or spoil it).

See you at the movies on Skypark Movie Night, **SATURDAY, March 26** at 6 p.m.

**DINNER SCHEDULE**

We have some of our celebrity chefs for 2022 but let us know if you want to take an unfilled month. Hot dogs, chili or pizza are perfectly fine. Contact Robin at [robntat@aol.com](mailto:robntat@aol.com) or 707-553-2747. You can also let me know at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) and I'll put you on the roster.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
<b>2022 DINNER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	Dinner at home
FEB	Dinner at home
MAR	Bill Wheadon
APR	?
MAY	?
JUN	?
JUL	Darrel - barbecue
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	?
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	?

**SPEAKERS**

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs.

Send an email to me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
<b>2022 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	Marc Ashton – FAA training regs
FEB	EAA Chapter video
MAR	?
APR	?
MAY	?
JUN	?
JUL	?
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	?
DEC	XMAS PARTY

**2022 EAA 1268 CALENDAR**

Send me any exciting, thrilling, terrifying or just plain fun events you have for the calendar.

DATE	EVENT
3/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
3/12	NAF El Centro Air Show
3/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am
3/26	Skypark Movie Night
4/5-10	Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL
4/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am
4/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/23	Skypark Movie Night
4/24	Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show- Half Moon Bay, CA
5/7	Estrella Warbirds Wings & Wheels- Paso Robles, CA
5/8	Young Eagles 9:30 am
5/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/13-15	Thunder Over the Bay Air Show- Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA
5/20-22	Oregon Int'l Air Show- Hillsboro, OR
5/28	Skypark Movie Night
<b>5/21 ?</b>	<b>Skypark Family Fun Day!</b>
6/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
6/25	Skypark Movie Night
7/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am
7/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm

7/21-24	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/25-30	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
7/23	Skypark Movie Night
8/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
8/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/27	Skypark Movie Night
9/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/11	Young Eagles 9:30 am
9/14-18	Reno Air Races- Reno, NV
9/23-25	MCAS Miramar Air Show- San Diego, CA
9/24-25	California Int'l Airshow- Salinas, CA
9/24	Skypark Movie Night
9/17-18 ?	Wings Over Wine Country
9/30-10/2	California Capital Air Show- Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA
10/7-9	San Francisco Fleet Week- San Francisco, CA
10/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am
10/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/15	Benton Air Fair- Redding, CA
10/15-16	Central Coast AirFest- Santa Maria, CA
10/22-23	Planes of Fame Air Show- China, CA
10/22	Skypark Movie Night
11/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am
11/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/26	Skypark Movie Night
12/2	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/23	New Years' Day 1 <sup>st</sup> Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

Board of Directors Meeting  
February 8, 2022

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:10pm on February 8th, 2022 on Zoom

Present were President Robin Tatman (RT), VP Darrel Jones, Treasurer Bill Wheadon (BW), Secretary Yayoi West (YW), Board member and scholarship coordinator Roland Gangloff (RG)

RT talked about the Ray Scholarships. Marcus Shackford started tutoring and will continue until April. The other tutors are Robin, Dar-rel, Ron, and Yayoi. The tutoring will be 2 hours every Sunday at the clubhouse.

BW reported that he had sent the Treasurer's Report, and asked if there were any questions. (All the officers had no questions, and RT said it was perfect.)

DJ reported that the Chapter can start the Saturday BBQs and Young Eagles events in March.

RT reported that our problem is that we don't have enough volunteers for the barbecue. The Chapter needs a simple on-line method to schedule volunteers for each month. There is software to handle the schedule, but it is not in place yet.

DJ suggested that the Chapter needed one barbecue coordinator and two volunteers per Saturday.

(All agreed)

YW asked about the Ray Scholarship requirements.

RT reported that the Ray scholars need to be 16 to 19 years old, and they need to take a check ride within 12 months from the day they are accepted. Since they need to be 17 years old to take their checkride, the scholarship recipient needs to be closer to 16 1/2 years old when awarded the scholarship.

YW suggested that we should make a flyer and send to high school students.

RG replied that doesn't work, I have done that. We need human con-tact, sending paper just doesn't do good. We need to talk to them and answer questions to recruit them. And we can't do that until Covid goes away.

DJ said that the applicants need to come to Young Eagles events to be considered. However, this year's scholarship recipients already had flight training when they applied for the Ray scholarship. DJ's expectation for them is to taking 12 weeks of tutoring and then take the written exam. They are planning on concentrating on their flight training this summer.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

### **OTHER NEWS**

This from Marsi's Facebook page. Thanks, this really helps.



"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh. There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet. "No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either.

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right."

My first conversation with Catherine was in the staff dining hall at Camp Navarro, the Sonoma-Mendocino Boy Scout Camp. We talked about both of us loving Winnie the Pooh. We also talked about John Steinbeck.

It was a very nice start to a long, lovely relationship.

### **WOMEN ON MOTORCYCLES**



I don't know exactly why, but I love these two. Class act! They just look like they would be fun to be around.

Here's the deal. You send me stuff and I put it in the newsletter. Capiche?

**Send me your news for your newsletter!**

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MEMBERSHIP **DUES ARE DUE** IN JANUARY, AND MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER. DUES ARE STILL A MODEST **FIFTEEN BUCKS**, SO BRING SOME CASH FOR DINNER AND A BIT MORE TO **PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2022!** SEE YOU THERE!

This space available for rent or lease, or even free if you send me something good.

**REMEMBER! THE MARCH MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 8 AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYCRAFTER'S CLUBHOUSE HANGAR B-5 AT SONOMA SKYPARK AIRPORT. DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE! THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE 6 P.M. BEFORE THE MEETING**  

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**SKYCRAFTER MEMBERSHIP**

**EAA CHAPTER 1268** Membership Dues: **\$15 per year.**

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